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1. Name of Property

historic name: Berry House

other name/site number: National Outdoor Leadership School
AHRS Site No. ANC-202

2. Location

street & number: 5805 North Farm Loop Road

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Palmer

vicinity: X

state: AK county: Matanuska-Susitna code: 170 zip code: 99645

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private

Category of Property: building(s)

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Settlement and Economic Development of Alaska's Matanuska-Susitna Valley

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

Judith S. Buttner
Signature of certifying official

May 7, 1991
Date

Alaska
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register See continuation sheet.
determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
determined not eligible for the National Register
removed from the National Register

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other (explain):

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

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6. Function or Use

Historic: domesticSub: single dwellingCurrent: domesticSub: single dwelling

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7. Description

Architectural Classification: no styleOther Description: N/AMaterials: foundation concrete block roof asphalt shingle
walls wood frame other _____Describe present and historic physical appearance. See continuation sheet.

The Berry House is an excellent example of the frame farm houses built as part of the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation's Matanuska Colony project in 1935.

The house is a one-and-one half story wood frame structure with a rectangular floor plan. It measures 30'6" x 35'6" with a 6' x 14'11" entry-way porch on the west side. Drop siding sheaths the house and a north-south oriented gable roof caps the building. In 1971, a 10' x 10' entryway on the southeast corner of the house was extended the full length of the back wall (an additional 20'3") to create space for a new kitchen. With the exception of a single pane picture window in the kitchen addition, all of the windows in the house are from 1935. The majority of the windows in the house are the standard 6/6 double-hung windows. There are a few fixed, multi-pane and a few fixed, single-pane windows in the house. The original colony doors have been replaced by metal doors. Alterations to the house have been minimal.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: nationally, locally

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: agriculture
community planning and development
social history
architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1935-1940

Significant Dates: 1935

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Williams, David
WPA Workers

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
See continuation sheet.

Built in 1935, the Berry House is an Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation farm house. Minimally altered since its construction, the Berry house is an excellent example of a frame colony farm house. Although on one of the original colony farm tracts, a barn and other farm buildings were never built on the property.

Although known as the Berry House, James Berry was not the original colonist to live in the house. Clyde Cook drew the tract, #117, in the lottery held in May 1935. However, Cook was one of the first group of colonists to withdraw from the project, leaving on August 29, 1935. Arthur Bradley then lived in the house until November 2, 1935, when he left. The house remained vacant until James and Laura Berry moved in on October 2, 1936. They lived in the house for several years.

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 9. Major Bibliographical References
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See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

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 10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>06</u>	<u>386320</u>	<u>6836385</u>	B	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____

____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ____ See continuation sheet.

Beginning on the south side of Farm Loop Road at its intersection with Brichenstrap Road, proceed 400' south to a starting point, then proceed 100' south, then 151' east, then 100' north, then 151' west, forming a rectangle measuring 151' x 100' that encompasses the farm house.

Boundary Justification: ____ See continuation sheet.

The boundary includes the historic colony farm house. The original forty-acre tract has been subdivided.

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 11. Form Prepared By
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City or Town: Palmer State: AK ZIP: 99645

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Section number _____

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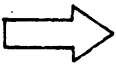
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Palmer, Alaska
Unknown
1936
Anchorage Museum of History and Art, 121 West Seventh Ave., Anchorage,
Alaska 99501 (Odsather Collection)
Looking north at house

2. Berry House (AHRS Site No. ANC-202)
Palmer, Alaska
Fran Seager-Boss
October 25, 1990
Cultural Resources Division, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, 350 East Dahlia
Ave., Palmer, AK 99645
Looking north at house

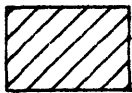
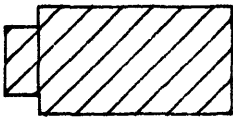
Birchenstrap Rd.

FARM LOOP ROAD

GLENN HWY. 1 MILE



utility pole



CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE

BERRY FARM
(NOT TO SCALE)